

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 6-9, and 12 have been amended. Claims 1-4 and 6-20 are currently pending in this application and are presented for review.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 2, 3, and 6-10 as being indefinite because dependent claims 2, 3, and 6-10 allegedly were inconsistent with claim 1 because each of these claims recites a single exciter, whereas claim 1 was considered by the Examiner to implicitly require at least two exciters - at least one associated with each lower mass. The Examiner also rejected claim 12, contending that the recitation of two exciters as a separate limitation was redundant and rendered that claim indefinite

Claims 2, 3, and 6-9 have now been amended as suggested by the Examiner to recite plural exciters. These claims, as well as claim 10 which is dependent from claim 9, now are believed to be definite. Furthermore, claim 12 has been amended to remove the alleged redundancy by returning the claim to its original language as requested by the Examiner. It is believed that these corrections overcome the rejection of claims 2, 3, 6-10, and 12.


The indication of the allowability of claims 1, 4, 11, and 13-20 and of the presence of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3, 6-10, and 12 is noted with appreciation. Since each of the rejections presented by the Examiner has now been overcome, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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